

Surah 88 Surah Ghaashiya

THE OVERWHELMING THING

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH GHAASHIYA AND SURAH A'LA

Surah Ghaashiya serves as a fitting conclusion for *Surah A'la*. It summarizes the punishments and the glad tidings of the *Aakhirah*. In a similar many, many of the following *Surahs* also as conclusions to the *Surahs* preceding them.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The opening seven verses of the *Surah* sound warnings of the dreadful punishment of the *Aakhirah*, while the following nine verses discuss the rewards and bounties that the pious bondsmen of Allaah shall receive in *Jannah*. Thereafter, verses 17 to 20 urge people to reflect on Allaah's greatness by pondering about four of Allaah's remarkable creations.

Allaah consoles *Rasulullaah* ﷺ by again telling him that his task is confined to propagation and that he cannot force people to believe. In conclusion, the *Surah* warns the *Kuffaar* of a grave punishment in the *Aakhirah*.

سُورَةُ الْغَاشِيَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ سِتُّ وَعِشْرُونَ آيَةً

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

هَلْ أَتَاكَ حَدِيثُ الْغَاشِيَةِ ۝١

1. Has the news of the overwhelming (over powering) thing (Qiyaamah) come to you?
(Qiyaamah is described as "the overwhelming thing" because its hardship and severity will overpower every person.)

وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ خَاشِعَةٌ ۝٢

2. Many faces on that day will be looking down (disgraced because of embarrassment and fear).

عَامِلَةٌ نَّاصِبَةٌ ۝٣

3. (Among these shall be) He who suffered a great deal and who endured many difficulties
(thinking that he was pleasing Allaah, but his beliefs and actions did not conform with the decrees of Allaah).

تَصَلَّىٰ نَارًا حَامِيَةً ۝٤

4. He shall enter the blazing fire...

تُسْقَىٰ مِنْ عَيْنٍ آنِيَةٍ ۝٥

5. ...where he will be given water to drink from boiling springs.

لَيْسَ لَهُمْ طَعَامٌ إِلَّا مِنْ ضَرِيعٍ ۝٦

6. The only food for them (the people of Jahannam) shall be thorny trees...

لَا يَسْمِنُ وَلَا يُغْنِي مِنْ جُوعٍ ۝٧

7. ...which will neither nourish (their bodies) nor satisfy (their extreme) hunger.

وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ نَّاعِمَةٌ ۝٨

8. (On the other hand,) **Many faces on that day will be resplendent** (shining bright with happiness).

لَسَعِيهَا رَاضِيَةٌ ۙ

9. **They** (those with shining faces) **shall be pleased with their efforts** (in this world because their efforts earned them entry)...

فِي جَنَّةٍ عَالِيَةٍ ۙ

10. ...in (to) the lofty (high) gardens of Jannah...

لَا تَسْمَعُ فِيهَا لَغْوَةً ۙ

11. ...where they shall not hear futile talk. (Jannah shall have nothing unpleasant. Neither will one see anything unpleasant, nor hear anything unpleasant. There will be no noise and shouting in Jannah, nor any talk that is futile and therefore unpleasant.)

فِيهَا عَيْنٌ جَارِيَةٌ ۙ

12. In it (Jannah) there are flowing springs.

فِيهَا سُرُرٌ مَّرْفُوعَةٌ ۙ

13. In it (Jannah) there are elevated thrones (for the people to sit on)...

وَأَكْوَابٌ مَوْضُوعَةٌ ۙ

14. ...cups set in place (ready to be served)...

وَنَمَارِقُ مَصْفُوفَةٌ ۙ

15. ... (exquisite) cushions arranged in rows...

وَزَرَائِبٌ مُبْنُوتَةٌ ۙ

16. ...and (plush) carpets (soft and cosy) spread out.

أَفَلَا يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَى الْإِبِلِ كَيْفَ خُلِقَتْ ۚ

17. (Allaah is Most Capable of creating Jahannam with all its misery as well as Jannah with all its bounties, just as He created many magnificent things in this world. Encouraging people to look around to see Allaah's great creative powers, Allaah says,) **Have they** (mankind) **not looked at the camel and seen how it was created** (perfectly, adapted to the harsh climate of the desert with so many unique features, qualities and capabilities) ?

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وَالِى السَّمَاءِ كَيْفَ رُفِعَتْ ۝١٨

18. And (have they not looked) at the sky, how it was raised (so high without any supports) ?

وَالِى الْجِبَالِ كَيْفَ نُصِبَتْ ۝١٩

19. And (have they not looked) at the mountains, how they were placed firmly (into the earth with their bulk underground) ?

وَالِى الْأَرْضِ كَيْفَ سُطِحَتْ ۝٢٠

20. And (have they not looked) at the earth, how it was spread out (with large tracts of land that seem flat despite the spherical shape of the earth) ?

فَذَكِّرْهُمْ إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُذَكِّرٌ ۝٢١

21. So (O Muhammad ﷺ) give advice (to encourage people to accept and sincerely practise Islaam), for you are an advisor (and not one to force people).

لَسْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِمُضَيِّطٍ ۝٢٢

22. You have not been appointed as a warder (overseer) over them (to force them to accept).

إِلَّا مَنْ تَوَلَّى وَكَفَرَ ۝٢٣

23. However, the one who turns away (from your advice) and commits kufr...

فَيُعَذِّبُهُ اللَّهُ الْعَذَابَ الْأَكْبَرَ ۝٢٤

24. Allaah shall punish him most severely.

إِنَّ الْبِنَاءَ لِإِيَابِهِمْ ۝٢٥

25. Verily they (all of mankind) shall return to Us (on the Day of Qiyaamah).

ثُمَّ إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا حِسَابَهُمْ ۝٢٦

26. Thereafter, it is Our responsibility to take their reckoning (make them account for all their Deeds in this world).

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ